

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1257

Introduced by Assembly Member Hagman

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 84203.5 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1257, as introduced, Hagman. Political Reform Act of 1974: independent expenditure reports.

Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, requires a candidate or committee who has made independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year, as specified, to file an independent expenditure report containing certain information about person to whom an expenditure of \$100 or more was made during the period covered by the report and about a person who provided consideration for such an expenditure during that period.

This bill would increase the expenditure threshold amount for reporting this information from \$100 to \$400 and would require the Commission to adjust this amount periodically, as specified, in accordance with any increase in the California Consumer Price Index.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes upon a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 84203.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

84203.5. (a) In addition to any campaign statements required by this article, if a candidate or committee has made independent expenditures totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate, a measure, or qualification of a measure, it shall file independent expenditure reports at the same time, covering the same periods, and in the places where the candidate or committee would be required to file campaign statements under this article, as if it were formed or existing primarily to support or oppose the candidate or measure or qualification of the measure. No independent expenditure report need be filed to cover a period for which there has been no activity to report.

(b) An independent expenditure report shall contain the following information:

(1) The name, street address, and telephone number of the candidate or committee making the expenditure and of the committee's treasurer, and the number assigned to the committee by the Secretary of State.

(2) If the report is related to a candidate, the full name of the candidate and the office and district for which the candidate seeks nomination or election. If the report is related to a measure or qualification of a measure, the number or letter of the measure, or if none has yet been assigned, a brief description of the subject matter of the measure, and the jurisdiction in which the measure is to be voted on or would be voted on if it qualified.

(3) The total amount of expenditures related to the candidate or measure during the period covered by the report made to persons who have received less than one hundred dollars (\$100).

(4) The total amount of expenditures related to the candidate or measure during the period covered by the report made to persons who have received one hundred dollars (\$100) or more.

(5) (A) For each person to whom an expenditure of ~~one~~ *four* hundred dollars ~~(\$100)~~ *(\$400)* or more related to the candidate or measure has been made during the period covered by the report and for each person who has provided consideration for an

1 expenditure of ~~one~~ *four* hundred dollars ~~(\$100)~~ *(\$400)* or more
2 during the period covered by the report:

3 ~~(A)~~

4 *(i)* His or her full name.

5 ~~(B)~~

6 *(ii)* His or her street address.

7 ~~(C)~~

8 *(iii)* If the person is a committee, the name of the committee,
9 the number assigned to the committee by the Secretary of State,
10 or if no number has been assigned, the full name and street address
11 of the treasurer of the committee.

12 ~~(D)~~

13 *(iv)* The date of the expenditure.

14 ~~(E)~~

15 *(v)* The amount of the expenditure.

16 ~~(F)~~

17 *(vi)* A brief description of the consideration for which each
18 expenditure was made and the value of the consideration if less
19 than the total amount of the expenditure.

20 ~~(G)~~

21 *(vii)* The cumulative amount of expenditures to such person.

22 *(B) On or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the*
23 *Commission shall increase the expenditure threshold for reporting*
24 *the information required by this paragraph in an amount equal to*
25 *any increase in the California Consumer Price Index, as*
26 *determined by the Department of Industrial Relations.*

27 *(6)* A list of all the filing officers with whom the committee
28 filed its most recent campaign statement.

29 *(c)* Filing officers shall maintain paper reports filed pursuant to
30 this section under the name of the candidate or measure supported
31 or opposed by the independent expenditure.

32 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers
33 the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the
34 meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government
35 Code.